

(c) There is no proposal to change the timings of MTNL Collection Centres.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

(e) MTNL is actively considering the opening of more collection centres to serve the customers and to avoid any inconvenience to them in payment of telephone bills.

#### Doctors in ESI

2495. SHRI PINAKI MISRA : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether ESI doctors resumed stir towards end of May this year, to press their demand for implementation of the Kartar Singh Committee Report;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the main recommendations of the Kartar Singh Committee and the recommendations which have been implemented so far; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken to implement rest of the recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d). The main recommendations of the Kartar Singh Committee related, inter-alia, to introduction of two tier residency scheme, provision of free furnished accommodation to all resident doctors, one weekly holiday, counting of senior residency period for service benefits etc. According to the Ministry of Health, the recommendations of the Kartar Singh Committee are applicable to hospitals/institutions wholly financed by the Central Government. The ESI Hospital is neither wholly nor partially financed by the Central Government. As such the question of implementation of the recommendations of the Kartar Singh committee in the case of the ESI hospital does not arise.

#### Delayed Flights

2496. SHRI AMAR PAL SINGH : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) the percentage of flights of Air India and Indian Airlines, separately, which flew late during the last six months; and

(b) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to improve the performance in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) and (b). During the last six months 22.2% of Air India flights and 32.9% of Indian Airlines flights were delayed.

All technical delays are investigated by Indian Airlines to pin-point the cause and remedial action is taken immediately.

Air India has set up a coordination cell to ensure that flight handling related activities are coordinated. With these measures it has been possible to bring down the delays from 29.34% in January, 1996 to 16.57% in June, 1996.

[Translation]

#### Supply of Wheat, Rice and Sugar to Exporters

2497. SHRI NITISH KUMAR :

SHRI KASHI RAM RANA :

SHRI MOHAMMAD ALI ASHRAF FATMI :

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Food Corporation of India has supplied wheat, rice and sugar to certain firms/agencies for export;

(b) if so, the details thereof, alongwith the quantities and prices at which these items are sold to these firms/agencies during each of the last three years and current year, State-wise;

(c) the names of the countries to which the export of above items were made alongwith the export prices of above items during the above period; and

(d) the profit earned by the Food Corporation of India by the export of these items during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) : Wheat and Rice

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Details of Wheat and rice issued by the FCI for the purpose of export, together with their rates, state-wise, during the last three years and current year are given below :

(Quantity in lakh tonnes)

State	1993-94		1994-95		1995-96@		1996-97@	
	W	R	W	R	W	R	W	R
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
								(upto 15.7.96)
Andhra Pradesh	-	-	-	-	0.11	6.19	0.96	-
Tamil Nadu	-	-	-	-	-	0.62	-	-

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Maharashtra	-	-	-	-	-	2.23	0.57	-
Gujarat	-	-	0.34*	0.15*	0.70	5.07	2.57	-
West Bengal	-	-	-	-	-	0.36	-	-
Bihar	-	-	-	-	-	0.29	-	0.06
Uttar Pradesh	-	-	-	-	-	0.06	-	-
Rajasthan	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.17	-
Punjab	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.15	-

W - Wheat R - Rice (All figures provisional)

@ - The price range of wheat and rice in different states during 1995-96 and 1996-97 is indicated in the given Statement.

\* - Wheat and rice were issued by FCI to STC for the purpose of export during 1994-95 at the rate of Rs. 4350 to Rs. 4400 per tonne in the case of wheat and at Rs. 6600 per tonne in the case of rice.

(c) and (d). The Food Corporation of India (FCI) has sold wheat and rice to the exporters with a view to save the expenditure on carrying cost of surplus stocks and make available the storage space for ongoing/ensuing procurement, at the rates not below the rates fixed for domestic sale. The countries to which and the prices at which wheat and rice were exported by the Exporters, after it was purchased from FCI, are not known to FCI.

#### Sugar :

(a) to (d). The export of sugar is being undertaken through M/s Indian Sugar and General Industry Export Import Corporation Ltd., a notified Export Agency, under the provisions of Sugar Export Promotion Act, 1958, (30 of 1958). No sugar has been exported by/through the FCI. Further, the FCI, not being a notified export agency, is also not authorised to undertake any export of sugar.

## STATEMENT

The Price Range of Wheat and Rice in Different States during 1995-96 and 1996-97

S.No.	State	1995-96			1996-97		
		Wheat	Rice Fine	Superfine	Wheat	Rice Fine	Superfine
1.	Punjab	Rs. 4100-4458.45	6700-7694	7000-8029	4410-4900*	7050-7350@	7350
2.	Haryana	Rs. 4100-4458.45	6650-7629	6950-7975	4410-4900	7000-7300	7300
3.	U.P.	Rs. 4100-4458.45	6500-7629	6800-7802	-4660	7000-7200	7200
4.	Delhi	Rs. 4150-4458.45	6400-7347	6700-7694	-4410	-6740	7060
5.	H.P.	Rs. 4150- -	-	-	-	-	-
6.	J & K	Rs. 4150-	6500-7629	6800-7802	-	-7000	7200
7.	Rajasthan	Rs. 4151-4562.95	6900-7629	6800-7802	-4600	-7000	7200
8.	M.P.	Rs. 4100-4562.95	6300-7228	6600-7574	-4730	6630-7450	7450
9.	Bihar	Rs. 4300-4719.30	6300-7228	6600-7574	-4750	-6630	6950
10.	Orissa	Rs. 4350-5136.50	6350-8968	6650-9303			
11.	West Bengal	Rs. 4350-5136.50	6300-8968	6600-9303			
12.	Maharashtra	Rs. 4350-5136.50	6300-8968	6600-9303			
13.	Gujarat	Rs. 4350-5136.50	6300-8968	6600-9303			
14.	A.P.	Rs. 4550-5136.50	6300-8968	6600-9303	5040-5073	8142-8438	8753
15.	Tamil Nadu	Rs. 4550-5136.50	6300-8968	6600-9303			
16.	Karnataka	Rs. 4550-5136.50	6300-8968	6600-9303			
17.	Kerala	Rs. 4550-5136.50	6300-8968	6600-9303			

\* w.e.f. 1.7.96 sale of wheat for export purposes confined to Punjab &amp; Haryana only

@ w.e.f. 1.7.96 sale of rice (fine &amp; superfine) for export purposes confined to Punjab, Haryana, Western U.P. and M.P. only.